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To: The Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action mailed 12/02/2005, as extended by the accompanying petition for a three-month extension, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.